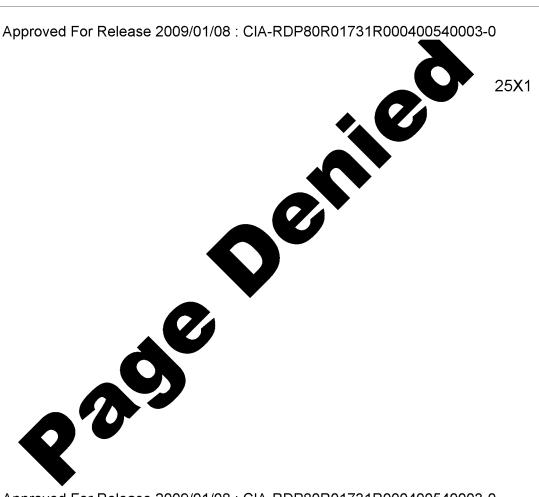


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Dear Al:

Many thanks for your note giving a quotation from Russell Davenport. There is some truth to what he has to say, but it is an oversimplification. It is only in a relatively small segment of the world outside of the Communist orbit itself, that the USSR is deemed to have taken over "the cause of all mankind." There are a lot of people who see through the Soviet strategy but naturally I wish there were many, many more.

Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
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The quotation which follows is from Russell D. Davenport, "The Dignity of Man" (Harper & Bros.)

Throughout vast areas of the earth she (the U.S.S.R.) has become the champion of the people's rights and the people's hopes; the prophet of the new day, of a New Faith. It does not matter that our system obviously works better, is more bountiful, bestows on its citizens rights and immunities of which communism deprives all men. The world grants that we are better off, that we are powerful and prosperous—maybe even happy. But this is not the point. The point is that we are no longer the champion of the people's hopes. To many millions of persons, it appears that what we have to contribute belongs to the past, not to the future; our cause seems to them the cause of the U.S.A. In their eyes the U.S.S.R. has taken over the "cause of all mankind."

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